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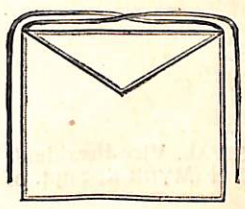

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GRAND COMMANDERY.

The attendance from Sunday on was larger this year than in the past. About one hundred persons were present at the services conducted by the Grand Prelate Sunday afternoon.

The Asylum building and dining hall are metamorphosed and now present a beautiful front to the lake. A covered porch leads along the east front and between the Asylum and apartment buildings. The entrance to the Asylum is now at the southeast corner and makes an easier ascent than the old suspension stairs at the north side.

The most unique and beautiful improvement yet put up is the Grand Commandery headquarters cottage by R. E. Grand Commander Geo. W. Bever, and presented to the Grand Commandery. Its appointments throughout are as perfect as could be made.

Templar Park is now the most pleasant place in Iowa for the annual outing of the Fratres and their families.

The time until Tuesday morning was spent in getting ready for the opening, fishing and boating.

At 9:30 A. M. the Grand Captain General formed the lines and rehearsal was held.

At 10:00 A. M. the Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave of the R. E. Grand Commandery was opened by R. E. Geo. W. Bever, Grand Commander of Iowa, assisted by his Grand Officers.

Before the regular order Sir Knight N. B. Hyatt, brought up the proposition to collect money to dig a well for the use of the campers. No action taken, allowed by general consent.

All but one of the grand officers were present. The Grand Commander read his annual address. The roll of the dead was read while all reverently stood at "uncover." The usual space was set-off for the memorial of "our dead."

Rev. Sir J. C. W. Coxe, D. D., was appointed Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment at Pittsburgh, Pa.

During the past year Gethsemane Commandery No. 59 was instituted at Fairfield

The improvements on the Asylum buildings cost $2,450, of which amount there was $1,500 insurance money.

The present membership is 4,520, a net increase of 50.

The Grand Treasurer read his report:

Total receipts including $1,943.49 on hand	- -	$7,248 76
Total expended	- -	6,182 71
Balance on hand	-	$1,066 05

The Grand Recorder's report was read.

All the reports were referred to the appropriate committees.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Rev. J. C. W. Coxe.

The U. S. military tactics in all field and parade duty, was made the standard.

A partial list of the committees was announced.

Wednesday morning was given to a drill under Grand Captain General Norris, in the reception of the Grand Officers. As usual, the attendance was *select*.

The Grand Commandery began its work at 10:00 A. M.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committees were announced.

The trustees of the Parish fund reported.

The estate is still unsettled and no money has yet come into their hands

The committee on Grand Commander's address reported. They congratulated him on the concise and able address.

The various subjects needing further attention by committees were referred.

The Triennial committee failed to expend all of the allowance made and the balance was returned to the treasury.

The establishment of new Commanderies was the subject of conservative recommendation—they think we have more now than is healthy for us.

The report of the committee on Code and Statutes (order of the day) was taken up and the report read.

The new "regulations" will now be numbered regularly and their value be considerably increased. The statutes (as adopted) were passed upon by sections.

Hereafter the word "subordinate" will not appear in the regulations.

The Grand Prelate goes down the line to a place next to the Grand Junior Warden, but is still elective.

The revised statutes and regulations were read and adopted.

These laws of the Grand Commandery should be procured and read to every Commandery at the earliest moment.

Grant's Tactics, the latest edition, and the United States Infantry Tactics, are the standard for Commanderies now.

On Wednesday night the Grand Prelate delivered an interesting address on "The Key to the Twentieth Century." In the dining hall a reception and dance was enjoyed by many of the Sir Knights and ladies, after the lecture.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Grand Commandery resumed business.

The committee on credentials reported.

The committee on appeals and grievances reported. But one case came up, Commandery No. 6 vs. No. 45, in a case of invasion of jurisdiction. The complaint was continued for want of evidence on the point of "residence," with a special committee to investigate.

The election of officers was taken up. J. S. Harlan, S. L. McGavic and G. F. Usry, were appointed tellers.

Various committees reported.

No cases of charity. No visitors.

On jurisprudence—reported, two questions came up.

On receiving an application where the companion holds a demit from a lodge. Can't be done.

The other was on changing the time of the meeting of a Commandery. The approval of the *Grand Commandery* must be had.

500 copies of the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of both the Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment were ordered bound together.

The names of Sir Knights who were in the late Spanish-American war were ordered printed in a roll of honor.

The committee on Chartered Commanderies reported: All reports in, all dues paid; 57 active Commanderies; 217 knighted during the year.

The committee on unfinished business reported—no unfinished business.

A resolution of thanks to Frank S. Armstrong & Co., for the beautiful flag presented to the Grand Commandery, was unanimously voted.

The committee on transportation reported the necessary number to secure the reduced rates for return tickets.

The inability of the officers of the Grand Encampment who expected to be present with us, was to be regretted, as was the absence of others whose letters of regret were received.

The Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions were introduced.

The trustees were instructed to secure a reduction of the interest on the debt.

Thursday evening the ladies gave a unique Vaudeville entertainment, at which there was a large attendance. The young folks closed the evening with a dance.

Friday morning the Grand Commandery concluded its annual conclave.

The first order was the installation of the Grand Officers by R. E. Sir T. S. Parvin, assisted by R. E. Sir T. B. Lacy, as Grand Marshal, with E. Sir J. C. W. Coxe, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment leading the devotions.

The present trustees of the Parish fund were re-elected for the coming year.

The trustees reported the re-erection of a new Asylum building—blown down last year.

A fine headquarters building on the north of the Asylum building, two stories, with large and ample rooms, which materially add to the capacity of the Park buildings. This is a free gift from R. E. Geo. W. Bever, Grand Commander. The expense of this building is about $1,500.00.

By resolution the gift was accepted by the Grand Commandery with a vote of thanks.

The appropriations for the current year amount to $4,755.21.

The Triennial committee for 1901 is already appointed.

Iowa stands fourth among the jurisdictions of the United States.

The usual Past Grand Commander's jewel was presented to P. G. C. Bever.

Friday evening and Saturday witnessed the departure of many of the Knights and ladies, either for home or to the lower lakes for diversion.

Doctor Webber, of Cherokee, was the champion fisherman, having, with a companion, caught nearly 100 pounds in one day's fishing, mostly pike.

Sunday morning, July 16, Rev. Dr. J. C. W. Coxe delivered a sermon in the Asylum to those still on the grounds. Sixty were present. It was a pleasant service.

Every room is engaged for next year and many are coming with tents. Templar Park is more popular than ever.

The reformation of the "dining hall" service from the kitchen out, is imperitive. Some other items of complaint might be stated, but those who deserve rebuke will be conscious of their conduct when overtaken in their faults, and that will be enough.

The "slapping" of the face of one of our fratres by one of the Sargent Bros, because of a misunderstanding about a "rig" that was ordered, is a matter for official attention, so also is the noisy demonstration "of mornings" made by some of the most strenuous sticklers who inhabit the grounds. Some of these times it will develop that there is no inherent *proprietory* reflect about our Templar home.

OFFICERS ELECT.

John H. Pettibone, Burlinton, G. C.
D. M. Brownlee, Sioux City, Dep. G. C.
W. H. Norris, Manchester, G. G.
F. W. Craig, Des Moines, G. C. G.
Wm. Welden, Iowa Falls, G. S. W.
W. B. Rowland, Harlan, G. J. W.
T. E. Green, Cedar Rapids, G. P.
J. B. Atkins, Council Bluffs, G. Treas.
Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, G. Rec.
S. E. Robinson, West Union, G. St. B.
Eugene Anderson, Washington, G. Sd. B.
S. L. McGavic, Ottumwa, G. W.
A. N. Alverson, Washington, G. C. G.

COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—A. R. Dewey,—Hollman and Alex. Peddie.

Trustee—James Morton, re-appointed.

Correspondence—J. C. W. Coxe, re-appointed.

Triennial—Geo. W. Bever, W. H. Norris and Alf. Wingate.

Among the Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas will hold biennial meetings for the next six years. Once in two years is enough anywhere.

Landmark Lodge No. 103, Sioux City, has raised fifteen and passed two, since January last. They have more work to follow.

The Royal Arch.

The Convocation of the Grand Chapter, October 19, at Red Oak, promises to be a splendid affair. The companions are busily engaged in preparations to entertain the visitors.

The Council.

Adoniram Council, U. D. Royal and Select Masters, was constituted at Guthrie Center, June 27th, by Deputy thrice Illustrious Grand Master, W. F. Cleveland, with thirty-seven members and the following officers.

J. F. Woody, T. I. M.
W. W. Hyzer, Dep. T. I. M.
J. H. Applegate, P. C. W.
E. P. Updegraff, Recorder.
C. M. Young, Treasurer.
H. L. Marshall, C. of G.
F. M. Hopkins, C. of C.
E. E. Smull, Steward.
S. Washburn, Sentinel.

The Scottish Rite.

Fargo, N. D., will erect a $40,000 Cathedral.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Iowa, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

THOS. LAMBERT....Sabula.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Red Oak, October 19th, 1899.
W. F. CLEVELAND...Harlan....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
J. H. PETTIBONE...Burlington..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.) Sept., 1900, Cincinnati.
Iowa, Oct. 1899, Davenport.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Washington, D. C., May —, 1900.
JOHN H. ATWOOD, Leavenworth, Kan IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
E. I. ALDERMAN ....Marion..... POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion..... .....Recorder

TO OUR EXCHANGES,

Will those of our exchanges heretofore sent to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, please change the address to Marion, Iowa, and oblige US? Several miles of street car riding will be saved and the exchanges reach us more promptly. Either change or cancel. See? tf

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Up to going to press no copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge had reached us, though they are out—hence no review this time.

It is laughable, ridiculous, exasperating, to have the fellow who is "out of sight" around home, no record for anything particularly in his local bodies, get a slight office or appointment at the hands of a "Grand" high jinks. *Oh!* he's the "proprietor" then!

Now, that it is all over, about "Negro Masonry" in Washington, we beg to commend as of the highest type of Masonic taste, the Grand Lodge of Kansas. They neither blew hot nor cold, but left the matter alone.

This paper will be of more use as we grow older together, and those who learn to know our efforts hereafter will appreciate it all right. Masons are not naturally tight.

Thank God Masonry carries a record for fraternal equality to those within, which cannot be undone by any particular individual who may misapprehend its meaning.

We give more than the usual space to the Grand Commandery this month, but the other bodies get their space in turn, so none are wronged.

The mixing of politics with Masonry is a dangerous combination—the explosion is inevitable—some of the pieces are yet to light. Selah.

THE SECRET OBJECTION.

Thrice during the progress of the adoption of our revised Constitution and Regulations at the Grand Commandery of Iowa, (1899), we tried to arise and enter our protest against the justice of item 9, Section XXXVIII, which, as adopted, reads as follows: "Before the Order of the Red Cross has been conferred a member of the Commandery in good standing may object to the conferring of the orders upon an elected candidate, and when such objection is made, either openly in Commandery, *or privately to the Commander*, it shall have the force and effect of a rejection by ballot, and the orders cannot be conferred. The fact of such rejection, without the name of the objector, shall be entered of record, and the objecting Knight *cannot be required to state his objection.*"

We have no objections to the power to file objections with the Commander, but they should be of the form of a manly and knightly protest, fully stated and with the objector's name attached. To put such a weapon as is contained in the above paragraph into the hands of the men who will use it is, to say the least, most unseemly. God knows, the use of the black-ball by that class is cruel enough, and to add to the "back-stabbing" power of that class is the height of knightly folly.

THE BLACKBALLER.

The wide attention given to this subject of "blackmail" under the cloak of Masonic privilege, by our contemporaries, leads us to suppose that it is a crying evil almost everywhere and in all "branches" of Masonry. They, in some instances give cases in point, and this has led us to observe the sentiment of conversation nearer home, and to say the least, it is appalling. One man blackballed his competitor in the furniture business and with the use of profanity declared he should "never get into that lodge." Another had a "uniform" contest *in another fraternity*, and repeatedly secured the rejection of a petitioner of one, now a trusted U. S. officer, for affiliation in his home Commandery—though the *blackmailer* was not himself a member. Another case comes still fresher, where an employe of a business house, with no vote himself, used the time he was supposed to be earning his salary, in spreading the invidious excrement of his personal spite to prevent the advancement of one of his own townsmen. Well, that's all the space we have to spare to the class, but in due time will lend aid and comfort to the movement to weed them out and clean them off.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM.

Our annual Conclave at Templar Park is a subject of some account and might be made more interesting by something like the following during festal week:

ALL IN THE ASYLUM.

Sunday—Morning service at 11:00, conducted by the Grand Prelate. Evening at 8.00—An address on Templar Chivalry.

Monday evening, 8:00 — Lecture on (Real) Templar History.

Tuesday, 8:00—Grand Officers.

Wednesday, 8:00—Ladies Templar Club.

Thursday, 8:00—History of Iowa Templary.

Friday, 8:00—Lecture.

Sunday—Morning service at 11:00. Evening address at 8:00.

Thus rounding out the festal week.

This sort of a program would not interfere with the present diversions of attendants, as the addresses should not be over forty minutes long, and much profit might be gained.

The School of the Commandery might take the time of Monday, Friday and Saturday.

HISTORICALLY INCORRECT.

It is often objected in regard to the various rituals and "work" that "it is historically incorrect," which may be—no doubt is true—but while it is acknowledged, it is not incurable, for there are men who know the scriptures and might quote them correctly, and they are not necessarily all clergymen. When it comes to writing the beautiful and rythmic language of the great light, the best way is to follow "copy."

MASONRY IN THE ORIENT.

In Constantinople, once known, you are the care of the craft, which flourishes there in luxurious ease; and through them you will be able to visit places closed to the ordinary traveler. In Egypt a Mason is never lost sight of; your rooms are kept fragrant with flowers; you are the guest of those hospitable brethren, excursions are planned, entertainments of all kinds are gotten up, a visit to the Pasha is arranged, and even a peep into the harem is permitted. On the Nile they keep you company, lunch you amid the ruins of Luxor, and help you to climb the great pyramid.—*Kansas Freemason.*

POCKET DAY-BOOK LOST.

On the morning of June 27, on our way home, we lost a small red-leather covered pocket day-book, on the chair car between West Liberty and Cedar Rapids. A gentleman found it and promised "Gus" the porter, to return it to us. Important entries, of value only to us, makes us anxious to get it. JNO. W. GEIGER, Editor,
Marion, Iowa.

Lord Kitchener is not only a Mason, but an active one. He has founded two prosperous lodges in Egypt, one at Berber and one at Suakim, of both of which he was the first worshipful master.—*Boston Ideas.*

The Mystic Shrine.

A SHORT STORY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

BY THE EDITOR.

We shall, from time to time, present herein such brief items from the gleaning of the past five years, as will go to give at least an intelligent idea of the origin of the Order. Of course, like all such institutions, much of its earlier history is shrouded in mystery—perhaps from the fact that, like the Masonic institution, they kept no records in the olden days.

To Mecca Temple, the parent of the Order in North America, we must look for the earliest data for our story. Quoting from the pamphlet "Mecca" we find that the first meeting for the purpose of considering the advisability of the organization in America, was held at Masonic Hall, 114 East 13th St., New York, on June 16, 1871. At this time Ill. William J. Florence, who had been initiated into the order in 1870, in Marseilles, France, imparted the knowledge of the ceremonies to Ill. Dr. Walter I. Flemming, of New York, who in turn was empowered to introduce and establish the Order in America. "It was determined to confer it only on Free and Accepted Masons of the higher (?) degrees, and on the above date, a number of Knights Templar, thiry-seconds and thirty-thirds of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite were assembled, when the proposition to establish the Order was enthusiastically accepted, and the following were duly received:

Edward Eddy	Wm S. Patterson
Oswald Merle d'Aubigne	George W. Millar
James S. Chappell	Albert P. Moriarity
John A. Moore	Daniel Sickels
Chas. T. McClenachan	John W. Simons

Sherwood C. Campbell."

The preliminary arrangements having been made, a regular session was called at the above hall on September 26, 1872, with all present as above except Nobles Florence and Campbell.

In this first organization of a Temple of our Order the following were the first officers:

Walter I. Flemming, Illustrious Potentate
Chas. T. McClenachan, Chief Rabban,
John A. Moore, Assistant Rabban,
William S. Patterson, Recorder,
Edward Eddy, High Priest,
James Campbell, Treasurer,
George W. Millar, Oriental Guide,
Oswald M. d'Aubigne, Captain of the Guard.

The next session of Mecca was held at the same place on January 12, 1874, with seven present. Nobles McClenachan, Moore and Patterson were appointed a committee to "revise and perfect a Ritual" so as to facilitate the conferring of the Order, and to prepare the By-Laws, etc., for the government of the Temple.

Meetings were not as numerous then as they are now, and we next find a meeting of the date January 4, 1875. At this time "Brother George F. Loder and seven associates were created Nobles to form a Temple in Rochester, N. Y., which was duly organized under the name of Damascus, with a charter from Mecca Temple." Benson Sherwood was created a Noble on June 1st, following.

December 13, 1875, a meeting was held in the new Masonic hall, 23d St. and 6th Ave., but no business transacted.

Damascus Temple figured somewhat in the life of the Order, "gave some impetus" and led to efforts looking to the spread of the same. During this year the Potentate of Mecca selected a number of prominent Masons of the prerequisite attainment and created them "Past Potentates, for the purpose of establishing subordinate Temples." They were: Orrin Welch, Syracuse; John D. Williams, Elmira; Charles H. Thompson, Corning; Townsend Fondey, John S. Dickerman, Robert H. Waterman, Albany; John F. Collins, New York; John L. Stettinius, Cincinnati, O.; Vincent L. Hurlburt, Chicago, Ill.; Samuel H. Harper, Pittsburgh, Pa., and George Scott, Patterson, N. J. Of the above membership of the Order, Noble Campbell passed to the unseen temple in 1874, Nobles Chappell, d'Aubigne and Eddy in 1875, leaving only nine of the original thirteen to carry on the work.

The movement toward a "general governing body" now began to be felt, and preparatory to it at the meeting of the Temple held June 6, 1876, "twenty-five neophytes were received and duly obligated." Noble Walter M. Flemming presided at the session and the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America

was organized, and the following officers elected for three years:

Walter M. Flemming, New York, Imperial Potentate.
George F. Loder, Rochester, N. Y., Deputy Potentate.
Philip F. Lenhart, Brooklyn, N. Y., Chief Rabban.
Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York, Assistant Rabban.
William H. Whiting, Rochester, High Priest.
Samuel R. Carter, Rochester, Oriental Guide.
Aaron L. Northrop, New York, Treasurer.
William S. Patterson, New York, Recorder.
Albert P. Moriarity, New York, Financial Secretary.
John L. Stettinius, Cincinnati, O., First Ceremonial Master.
Benson Sherwood, New York, Second Ceremonial Master.
Samuel Harper, Pittsburgh, Marshal.
Frank H. Bascom, Montpelier, Captain of the Guard.
George Scott, Patterson, N. J., Outer Guard.

These officers were installed by Noble McClenachan, and the Imperial Council launched on the fraternal sea, its most sanguine advocates little anticipating that it would grow unto the proportions it has now (1899) reached.

From this point forward we shall have the printed journal of the Imperial Council from which to draw such items as are of interest in so brief a story.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

Masonic Tidings, Milwaukee, well remarks that the notices "Noble Saram R. Ellison, Recorder of the celebrated Mecca Temple of New York City, are the most complete, comprehensive, and valuable circulars of this kind we have ever seen." We have always known this, and will welcome the day when we all pattern after "Doc" in the notices we issue.

Over at Mineral Point, Wis., they regarded the knighting of the Grand Master of the state by the Grand Commander of Wisconsin, as "an unusual Templar event." Well, it was, but our El-Kahir meeting at Des Moines was about as extraordinary, in that we had the M. W. Grand Master of Iowa, a Judge of the Supreme Court, the immortal Lafe Young of the *Capital*, and dozens of but little less prominent individuals in that class. Iowa leads.

Noble H. L. Goodrow has opened a salesroom for Pianos and Organs at 219 S. Third St., this city, and will be welcomed by the Nobles of El-Kahir.

From Los Angeles comes the assertion that "Mexico will not be ripe for a Temple for at least twenty-five years."

We'd like to know what "a session in short form" means, as we see it in our exchanges and notices frequently.

Noble Chas. W. Cushman, of Buffalo, is S. G. W. of the Grand Lodge of New York. He's all right.

El-Kahir Temple is already booking names for the Washington trip to the Imperial Council.

The present membership of the Order is 50,069, a net gain of 2,644.

The Eastern Star.

The meeting of the Grand Chapter at Davenport, is to be an interesting occasion. The Order in Iowa has been usually prosperous this year.

Order of Isis.

The outlook now, is that a large number of Crescents will be organized this fall and winter. As it becomes better known its popularity will increase. Wherever five or more Nobles, their wives, mothers, daughters or sisters reside, they can have a Crescent for the better cultivation of the fraternal and social side of our Order. Write the Recorder El-Kahir Court, Drawer E, Marion, Iowa.

Our Dead.

Dearborn, George, Stone City, Iowa, July 24, 1899.

Fraternities.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

No Order displays greater tact in its "social sessions" than the Elks, who encourage the bringing of a friend by each member, and to our knowledge it has greatly increased the growth of the Order.

The Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W. in Iowa, had but one assessment in four months. A remarkable experience.

The refusal of the insurance department of Missouri to issue a license to the Woodmen of the World, was sustained by the supreme court May 14, 1899.

Miss Carrie Davis of this city, lately with the L. O. T. M., is now engaged with the Foresters and has charge of four states. She is a successful organizer anywhere.

We should judge that "The Rebekah World" is the ablest exponent of this branch of Oddfellowship in the country. It is published at 408 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. $1.00 per year.

BOOK TABLE.

We have from Grand Secretary Wolihin, Macon, Ga., the proceedings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of his state for 1899.

From Grand Master Lambert, and Grand Secretary Parvin, we have copies of the able report of the committee on "Negro Masonry" to the Grand Lodge of 1899.

Rob Morris Lodge, Kearney, Neb., sent us an invitation to their "silver" anniversary, June 26, 1899. Distance and absence from home prevented our enjoyment of this event.

The Philistine, printed every little while and published monthly by the Roycrofters, East Aurora, N. Y., is "a periodical of protest." $1.00 per year, including membership in the "Immortals," to which *me* and Sam Briggs now belong—Sam paid both dollars—'cause Sam's big-hearted and had to.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of New Zealand, have reached us for 1899.

Same of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, O. E. S. for 1899.

Same of Grand Chapter R. A. M., Grand Council R. & S. M., and Grand Commandery K. T., of Missouri, for 1899.

The official proceedings and revised constitution of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine has reached us from B. W. Rowell, Recorder.

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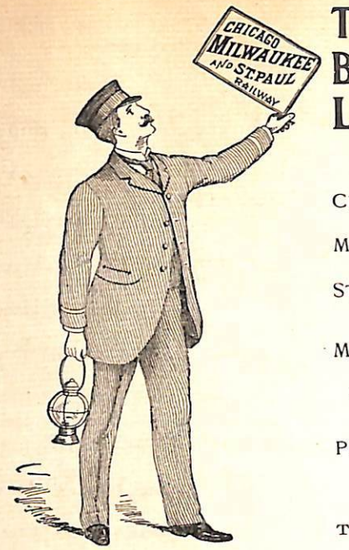

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